

9 November 1978

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

ATTENTION: [REDACTED]
SUBJECT: Classification Guides E.O. 12065

1. [REDACTED] called on 9 November and informed me that [REDACTED] was putting his package together of Classification Guides prepared by CIA. She asked if we had anything we could give him as to what we were doing for the Community.

2. I told her we had a short paper prepared by the SECOM that we were looking at and I'd be glad to send her a copy. I expressed my desire that I would like to have a detailed Classification Guide for the Community to follow for all National Foreign Intelligence but that we were unable as a committee to come up with one. I also informed that I didn't think Intell Community Agencies were very far down the line with efforts along this path.

3. In discussion, I mentioned that we had received copies of the draft guide from the DDA, the DDS&T, the NFAC and hopefully could get a copy of the DDO guide (we did). I was impressed with the obvious amount of work that had gone into this work. I was taken with the DDS&T device of classification being followed with a bracketed notation of SCI. I expressed the opinion that with an input on markings, there was enough info here to make up a community guide.

4. [REDACTED] said that [REDACTED] group was finished with debates on markings and the product report was being typed. I subsequently called and confirmed this. [REDACTED] said she'd give us a copy.

5. All parts of the CIA guides are now out for final coordination. OS will object to the complexity of the proposed format. I don't know if this will be accompanied by a substitute proposal but I doubt it.

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6. The more I think of the idea of using the CIA material - extracted and cleaned up as necessary - the more I like it. I've had copies duplicated and have discussed the implementation procedures with [redacted] and prepared a letter for Mr. Gambino requesting approval to try this approach.

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7. It appears that certain coordination will be necessary with at least [redacted] (SIGINT), [redacted] (COMIREX), Mark's office and maybe with Bowie (NFAC) before we bring this to the Compartmentation Working Group and SECOM.

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8. Time is short and not enough review of the available material has been done to tell if the idea is even feasible.

9. I request by copy of this memo that [redacted] and [redacted] with assistance of others in the CSG as indicated, look at available material and let me know whether it offers potential value as a source of material we could publish under the DCI's name as Classification Guidance for National Foreign Intelligence Material. I ask that they inform me on Tuesday, 14 November of their findings and if the idea looks feasible to give me a plan of action and estimate of time requirements.

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